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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

About a year ago I changed my phone and internet provider. For many years I had only two options for service: AT&T and Comcast. I have been an AT&T customer for over forty years. My AT&T service was limited to a very slow speed and repeated outages. Even though I live in an urban area very near Silicon Valley I could not get fast internet service at my home or my small business. I got tired of repeatedly asking AT&T if they could upgrade my service.

Then came another competitor: Sonic offered to install fiber to my home. This new fiber internet and phone costs substantially less than I paid before and the price is the standard price, not an "introductory offer." AND the speed is incredible--instead of 20Mbs I now have 900Mbs. AND the customer service is great. win win win

Broadband service is crucial to living in this modern world. Please support competition and support the growth of new better local internet service!

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